

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 958 without my signature.

This bill authorizes the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to use a design-build procedure for contracts involving the design, construction, fabrication, and installation of a solar energy system in excess of \$1 million.

While I am a strong proponent of increasing our commitment to solar energy and the use of the design-build procedure for public projects, this bill contains reporting provisions not found elsewhere in existing design-build authorization.

At best these new provisions are unnecessary. But at worst, they upset the delicate balance of negotiations over the last few years on design-build procedures and set a new precedent for future design-build projects to include these provisions.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger